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As stated in the MPEP:

"to support a requirement for a restriction, both two-way distinctiveness and reasons for insisting on restriction are necessary, i.e., separate classification, status, or field of search." (MPEP, Eighth Edition, Rev. 1, pg. 800-42)

Thus, the Examiner's restriction requirement relative to Groups III, IV and V is deficient for failing to establish the necessary "reasons for insisting on restriction".

The Examiner's assertion on page 7 of the restriction requirement to the effect that:

"looking for each claimed nuance would create a burden for the Examiner." (Numbered Section 2 of Office Action).

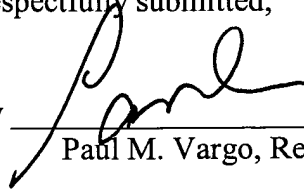
does not qualify under the above noted requirements set forth by the MPEP as a sufficient reason for failing to examine claims 10-45 together.

For all of the above reasons, it is submitted that the claims of Groups III, IV and V should be examined together.

It is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn relative to Groups III, IV and V, and that these three groups be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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